

## CONNELLY'S SPRINGS.

## ONE OF NATURE'S GREATEST HEALTH AND PLEASURE RESORTS.

Under New Management--This Already Noted Resort Steps to the Front And Proposes to Maintain That Position.

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CONNELLY'S SPRINGS, N. C., June 20.—To sing the praises of Connelly's Springs is but to reach the universal sentiment of all who have ever come hither for health, rest or pleasure. For a wise purpose did the great hand of Nature pile these mountains one on the other, and leave nestling among them this wooded glen from which, forever gushes a stream of crystal water with healing in every bubble. Every-day life, at best, is but a tedious and tiresome routine, and both body and mind become care worn and weary after many days of business and domestic activity.

We are, after all, but the component parts that run the mighty machinery of human thought and action, and it becomes necessary, now and then, to "close for repairs." For such as need those repairs did nature's great builder construct this grand sanitarium, this beautiful auditorium in the shadow of the mountains, this poem of terrestrial grandeur and picturesque loveliness. Here may we come for rest and recreation, and have the functions of physical and mental activity rejuvenated. Here we behold enchanting scenery, swift, salubrious mountain breezes and drink healing waters. Here, too, may we pause and learn a lesson from nature's grand and glorious handiwork. Nearly twenty years ago Connelly's Spring was discovered. Mrs. Connelly, an aged lady, the owner of the property, noticed a boiling, bubbling stream, coming up from a bed of fern and bramble. She tasted and retasted, and felt the quickening touch of its health-restoring properties. Neighboring invalids began drinking, and they, too, realized that it would do what physicians and physic had failed to do. Its reputation came reaching out, and people came from a distance to camp in its vicinity, and to test its efficacy. They visited and revisited, brought their friends, they in turn brought others, until the fame of the springs went abroad, and outgrew the management of their original owner.

## The First Hotel.

In 1886 the springs having been purchased by Messrs. F. P. and T. I. Meroney, two active and enterprising business men of Salisbury, who began the erection of the commodious Connelly's Springs Hotel, with the capacity for the comfortable accommodation of 100 guests. Before the hotel was half completed people began rapping for admittance, and during every summer since 1886 it has been taxed to its utmost capacity to accommodate its patrons.

The waters it seems have every year renewed their efforts for the relief of the invalid, for rose tinting the pallid cheek of the weary matron. For giving elasticity to the cramped limb of the decrepit. For restoring to health the feeble infant whose days seemed rapidly flitting away, and for carrying tidings of good cheer into hundreds of despairing homes whose inmates have come hither and been healed.

Under the excellent management of Messrs. Meroney, aided by their efficient assistants, Major Chas. T. James, formerly of Virginia, and Mr. W. P. Halliburton, of Salisbury the hotel as well as the Spring has become famous.

## Under New Management.

This ever popular place has even outgrown the excellent management of the Meroney's and a week ago passed into the hands of probably the strongest syndicate that has yet been organized on any health resort in the south. This syndicate is composed of prominent capitalists and business men of Raleigh, Salisbury and Asheville, who combined to buy the property because they had a personal knowledge of the wonderful efficacy of these mineral waters. Such men as R. J. Holmes, T. O. Linn, Wm. Smith-deal, Hon. Kerr Craig, Hon. Lee S. Overman, Capt. W. C. Oughenour, Wm. C. Blackmer, of Salisbury, Col. A. B. Andrews, of Raleigh, Capt. V. E. McBea, of Asheville, Hon. Chas. Price, Hon. Theo. F. Klutz, Maj. S. H. Wiley, Capt. N. B. McCanness, of Salisbury.

It would be difficult to organize a stronger syndicate in North Carolina in point of wealth or enterprise, and in such hands Connelly's Springs will undoubtedly step to the front of Southern health and pleasure resorts.

## New Improvements.

It is the purpose of the new syndicate as soon as practicable to begin making all necessary improvements. The present hotel building will be enlarged and every modern convenience adopted. The table (always good) will be more bountifully supplied with every desirable substantial and delicacy that can be obtained from any adjacent or tributary market. The surrounding country is one of the most productive sections in the State, and furnishes the most wholesome garden, field and dairy products. No expense will be spared to make the culinary department all that the most fastidious could ask for. Major Jones and Mr. Halliburton will remain during this season, and together with their assistants, do everything possible for the comfort of guests.

The new owners will only admit a limited number of guests as the hotel facilities are yet awhile limited, and they don't want any discomfort on the part of their guests because of an overcrowded house. By next season they will be in position to accommodate all who may wish to come. A large crowd of most excellent people are already here; several of whom have engaged rooms until October. Statesville, Charlotte, Salisbury, Wilson, Baltimore, Macon Ga., and several other points are represented, and every train brings others. The present accommodations are homelike, comfortable and pleasant.

The hotel was constructed with a view to the comfort of its guests, especially people who are feeble or infirm. The rooms are all large and airy, well furnished with new furniture, and there is a degree of neatness and comfortable arrangement throughout the building and surroundings that is peculiarly gratifying. The hotel is situated in a beautiful grove, on a sloping hillside, surrounded by neat and attractive cottages; and a few steps from

either brings you to the springs. They bubble up through a marble encasement, and over them is built an attractive summer house. On the rustic seats that encircle the springs the people sit, and while they drink the health-restoring beverage, flickering shadows cast from the ever busy oak and maple leaves that form a canopy overhead, play hide-and-seek on the grassy lawn around them. In the surrounding brush and bramble feathered warblers sing in beautiful harmony, and health laden breezes float down the mountain side and hum a requiem that is soul-inspiring.

The surrounding country is peculiarly picturesque and attractive. Across intervening landscapes decked in robes of summer green, and relieved here and there with the varied hues of blooming wildflowers may be seen lofty mountains forming such a panorama as only towering peaks, leaning against a clear blue sky can form.

A few miles away is table rock whose summit reaches up until it nearly kisses the stars, while hard by sleeps "Old Grandfather" the most wonderful phenomena that was ever formed out of peaks and hills. In another direction is the range of South Mountains, reaching down to Connelly's point. A few minutes stroll takes the venturesome guest to the base of these hills, and they all get venturesome after remaining here a few days and are only happy after they have climbed to the summit of the adjacent hills.

## The Water and its Advantages.

I have spoken of the efficacy of these waters, and could introduce chemical analysis from noted experts did I deem it necessary, but chemical analysis takes a back seat when some matron or maiden walks up and says:

"I was sick almost unto death, I came here and was made well again."

Hundreds bear this testimony.

"I am lavish, am I, in praises?" Then let some others speak. Dr. John Whitehead, an eminent physician of Salisbury, says:

"These waters possess to a marked degree, both alterative and tonic properties. In every case of disease wherein we have used it to obtain these effects, the result has proven more beneficial than would ordinarily have been expected from any mineral water of its kind that we know of. For all cases broken down by chronic malaria it appears to be a perfect specific."

In this opinion Dr. H. T. Trantham, another eminent Salisbury physician, fully concurs.

Dr. L. M. Archey, of Concord, says:

"I have no hesitation in saying that the water is as good as any in the State."

Hon. Theo. F. Klutz, of Salisbury, says:

"Having in my own person experienced the wonderful recuperative powers of the water, there is, in my opinion, no mineral waters in the State at all comparable to those of Connelly."

Rev. F. L. Reid, of Raleigh, says:

"The water and climate acted like a charm upon me. I believe the water to be a fine remedy for dyspepsia and for all gastric troubles."

Mr. William Smithdeal, of Salisbury, says:

"I gained six pounds in eight days at Connelly's. My appetite was good while there, and my digestion greatly improved."

Dr. R. Campbell, of Newton, says:

"Whenever there is a necessity to build up the system by furnishing it with rich, pure blood, the waters of this spring are invaluable."

Mr. James E. Clarke, of Wilson, N. C., says:

"I took my wife to Connelly's Springs last September. She had been confined to the house for five months from effects of fever. In fifteen days she walked four measured miles and gained six or eight pounds."

Hundreds of others could be given. So I am not lavish in praise, am I?

It is not without reason that the waters towards the latter part of last summer. Mr. C. Hubbard, senior member of the firm of Hubbard, Linton & Co., London, England, visited Salisbury. He had for years been suffering with a chronic kidney trouble. He was induced to spend a few days at Connelly's. He was so greatly benefited during his short stay here, that when he returned he had the water from these springs shipped all the way to London. And in a private letter, written to a friend—Mr. J. O. White, of Salisbury, dated June 4, 1890,—he says: "I must tell you how wonderfully well I have been, as regards kidney complaint. There is no doubt that my visit and the water you sent me from Connelly's Springs is the cause of it. The water was good, although it may have lost its freshness, yet its quality was the same. I must again thank you, very many times for sending it, you must not expect our stay with you to last long, as I should like Mrs. Hubbard as well as myself to have all the time possible at Connelly's Springs, as I believe a week or so there would do her more good than all the doctors in London."

Thus the fame of these Springs goes abroad and two hemispheres are joining in a chorus of praise. Mr. Hubbard will come again this Summer all the way from his home in London.

The Springs are most favorably situated. The W. N. C. railroad runs within a few feet of the hotel. Four fast mail and passenger trains pass daily, furnishing ample opportunities for going and coming. Frequent fast mails bring the latest happenings from every direction.

Ten miles west is Morganton, and ten miles east is Hickory, each of them healthy and buoyant young cities. A few minutes ride takes you to either of these points if a day's change is desired.

Two hours' ride takes you to Asheville, the modern metropolis of the mountains, while less than two hours' ride in the other direction carries you to Salisbury, the busy and hospitable metropolis of Piedmont Carolina.

## Future Plans.

Since the new company bought these springs, numerous requests have come from parties in different sections, asking that they organize a large joint stock company and build here a mammoth winter and summer resort, signifying not only a willingness, but a desire to invest largely in the stock of the company.

This plan may be adopted by the syndicate in order to broaden the influence of the springs or the syndicate may decide to make these improvements themselves. In any event future seasons at Connelly's Springs will include twelve calendar months, including cold December, blustering March and poetic June, and ample accommodations will be provided for both winter and summer tourists.

## Exercise and Sport.

Beside the spring is a large, well-arranged building in which a magnificent ball room, a ten pin alley, billiard and pool tables, bath rooms etc. all kept in first class repair for the convenience and comfort of the guests of the hotel.

Fleet horses—sure-footed and gentle, can be secured at all times for rides or drives up the mountains or to the adjacent places of interest.

Two miles away is Rutherford College, established, equipped and maintained by that prince of educators, Dr. R. L. Abernathy. Here at all times, except during vacation, is a hundred or more gallant and jovial young men.

These things and these surroundings give life to the place and relieve it of anything like monotony.

The Connelly brothers, the Guodes, the Sulles and the other good people who are residents here are clever and hospitable and help to make it pleasant for the guests of the hotel and patrons of the springs.

The rushing, gushing Catawba river is only a few miles distant, while Connelly's and other noted ponds furnish excellent opportunities for lovers of piscatorial sports.

The surrounding woods and fields are filled with all species of wild game, quail in great abundance. Here nimble find a hunting paradise.

All in all this is a great place. I might get tedious so I won't say more except to invite health and pleasure seekers to come and learn for themselves.

CHR. O. NICLE.

## OFFICIAL VOTE IN 1888.

COUNTIES.	1888.	1888.
FOWLE.	DOCKERY.	
Alamance.....	1,741	1,517
Alexander.....	959	553
Alleghany.....	687	405
Anson.....	2,341	975
Ashe.....	1,290	1,438
Beaufort.....	2,062	1,736
Bertie.....	1,316	1,097
Bladen.....	1,541	1,365
Brunswick.....	1,010	965
Buncombe.....	3,041	2,816
Burke.....	1,247	1,165
Cabarrus.....	1,645	915
Caldwell.....	1,258	717
Camden.....	2,186	603
Carteret.....	1,073	877
Caswell.....	1,358	1,037
Catawba.....	2,360	756
Chatham.....	2,316	2,069
Cherokee.....	846	603
Chowan.....	742	791
Clay.....	391	286
Cleveland.....	2,269	704
Columbus.....	2,073	910
Craven.....	1,478	637
Cumberland.....	2,577	2,232
Currituck.....	978	438
Dare.....	828	309
Davidson.....	2,018	2,385
Davie.....	1,008	1,304
Duplin.....	2,305	1,154
Durham.....	1,515	1,617
Edgecombe.....	1,321	2,500
Forsyth.....	2,259	2,584
Franklin.....	2,204	2,041
Gaston.....	1,584	1,236
Gates.....	1,131	809
Graham.....	271	183
Granville.....	2,406	2,609
Greene.....	1,008	1,072
Guilford.....	2,470	2,480
Harnett.....	2,445	2,877
Haywood.....	1,326	974
Henderson.....	917	1,201
Hertford.....	1,192	1,202
Hyde.....	834	753
Iredell.....	2,724	1,897
Jackson.....	963	569
Johnston.....	3,063	2,096
Jones.....	684	630
Lenoir.....	1,587	1,436
Lincoln.....	1,209	901
Macon.....	780	742
Madison.....	1,073	1,088
Martin.....	1,674	1,287
McDowell.....	1,019	858
Mecklenburg.....	4,163	3,284
Mitchell.....	1,440	1,564
Montgomery.....	1,315	979
Moore.....	1,944	1,846
Nash.....	2,157	1,699
New Hanover.....	1,880	2,856
New Hampton.....	1,639	1,690
Onslow.....	1,181	425
Orange.....	1,010	1,288
Pamlico.....	740	619
Pasquotank.....	832	1,219
Pender.....	721	757
Perquimans.....	779	982
Person.....	1,375	1,293
Pitt.....	2,562	2,328
Randolph.....	2,171	2,327
Richmond.....	1,711	1,684
Robeson.....	2,323	1,988
Rockingham.....	2,305	2,101
Rowan.....	2,739	1,296
Rutherford.....	1,690	1,063
Sampson.....	2,370	1,616
Stanly.....	1,206	817
Stokes.....	1,450	1,883
Surry.....	1,671	1,575
Swain.....	505	410
Transylvania.....	590	538
Union.....	2,040	997
Vance.....	1,382	1,626
Wake.....	4,618	4,464
Washington.....	545	575
Watauga.....	807	1,014
Wayne.....	898	965
Wilkes.....	2,751	2,501
Wilson.....	1,706	2,329
Yadkin.....	2,159	1,521
Yancey.....	1,071	1,419
Yancey.....	940	789
Total.....	148,395	134,035

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## SOUTHBOUND.

	No. 50.	No. 52.
Lv. Richmond.....	*3:00 p m	*2:30 a m
" " " " " "	5:00 p m	4:30 a m
" " " " " "	5:41 p m	5:10 a m
" " " " " "	8:40 p m	8:05 a m
Ar. Greensboro.....	10:37 p m	9:42 a m

Lv. Goldsboro.....	*2:30 p m	*5:00 p m
Ar. Raleigh.....	4:40 p m	9:00 p m
Lv. Raleigh.....	*4:45 p m	*1:00 a m
" " " " " "	5:48 p m	2:55 a m
Ar. Greensboro.....	8:20 p m	7:30 a m
Lv. Winston-Salem.....	*5:30 p m	*6:15 a m

" Greensboro.....	*10:37 p m	*9:50 a m
Ar. Salisbury.....	12:25 a m	11:18 a m
" Statesville.....	*1:49 a m	*12:09 p m
" Asheville.....	7:22 a m	4:27 p m
" Hot Springs.....	9:33 a m	6:15 p m
Lv. Salisbury.....	*12:33 a m	*11:33 a m
Ar. Charlotte.....	2:05 a m	12:40 p m
" Spartanburg.....	4:51 a m	3:38 p m
" Greenville.....	4:55 a m	4:45 p m
" Atlanta.....	11:00 a m	9:40 p m
Lv. Charlotte.....	*2:30 a m	*1:00 p m
Ar. Columbia.....	3:30 a m	1:00 p m
" Augusta.....	10:30 a m	9:00 p m

## NORTHBOUND.

	No. 51.	No. 53.
Lv. Augusta.....	*6:10 p m	*8:50 a m
" Columbia.....	10:35 p m	12:50 p m
Ar. Charlotte.....	3:13 a m	5:15 p m
Lv. Atlanta.....	*6:00 p m	*7:10 a m
Ar. Greenville.....	12:35 a m	1:48 p m
" Spartanburg.....	1:39 a m	2:53 p m
" Charlotte.....	4:25 a m	5:30 p m
" Salisbury.....	6:02 a m	7:05 p m
Lv. Hot Springs.....	*11:10 p m	*12:25 p m
" Asheville.....	12:40 a m	2:07 p m
" Statesville.....	1:49 a m	3:06 p m
Ar. Salisbury.....	5:53 a m	6:50 p m
Lv. Salisbury.....	*6:07 a m	*7:12 p m
Ar. Greensboro.....	7:45 a m	8:40 p m
Lv. Winston-Salem.....	*11:40 a m	*12:30 a m

Lv. Greensboro.....	*9:45 a m	*11:00 p m
Ar. Durham.....	12:01 p m	5:00 a m
" Raleigh.....	1:05 p m	7:45 a m
Lv. Raleigh.....	*1:05 p m	*19:00 a m
Ar. Goldsboro.....	3:00 p m	12:50 p m
Lv. Greensboro.....	*7:50 a m	*8:50 p m
Ar. Danville.....	9:32 a m	10:20 p m
" Keyville.....	12:45 p m	1:30 p m
" Burlington.....	1:35 p m	2:45 p m
" Richmond.....	3:45 p m	5:15 a m

## BETWEEN

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